

FROM THE OWNERS

The property offered for purchase represents 76 years of the Rogers Family Stewardship. The owner's father, Albert Douglas Rogers "Mr. Dud", bought the property in 1947 after returning from World War II (North Africa and Europe). Mr. Rogers was a successful farmer raising cotton, soybeans, corn, winter wheat and cattle. Portions of the property were kept natural and managed for Quail and Dove Habitat. Hubert and Willard Carr were the Strudwick Place foremen and helped Mr. Dud plant and raise crops. Mr. Rogers was a Board of Directors Member of Production Credit Association. He retired from farming in 1986 and started converting the property to forestland under the CRP program. This conversion was an excellent attribute that provided income for maintenance, paying property taxes and other expenses. Additionally, water quality and erosion control aspects augmented the management goals for this property.

Following Mr. Dud's death, the owners, Betsy and Becky, continued the family ownership of the "Strudwick Place" and cottage. The cottage was renovated, adding pine floors and a screened-in back porch. It is used as a family "get-a-way", retreat, and wildlife observation center. Deer, turkey and a variety of song birds are seen regularly near the 200-year old beautiful Black Walnut trees that line the pebbled driveway. A rocking chair on the front porch is all that is needed to allow hours of viewing nature. As spring arrives, Eastern Blue Birds are busy building their nest and raising fledglings. Red Breasted Grossbeaks arrive and Chuck's Poor Will sounds its nightly mating call. American Woodcocks are observed "scampering" along the woodland trails. A gentle spring breeze will rustle the Walnut's leaves - a relaxing, tranquil experience. A stroll to the cemetery or natural trails provides an appreciation for the founders. It's our humble experiences that we wish to share with the new property stewards.

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